The RCC Weekly

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Congratulations to Mark Lawrence

Library Director Mark Lawrence retires from RCC, after twelve years, on November 6th. During that time, he brought new life to our library, and with the acquisitions of thousands of books and many works of art, made the library the showcase it is today.

We wish him a gratifying and happy retirement. He will be missed.

Mark Your Calendar

November 1 & 2: Invitational Tournament (RLTAC)

November 4-7: Cradles to Crayons Collection Drive

November 7: Celebración 2013 (Mainstage)

November 13: Silences of Black Urban Political History: Africville, Hogan's Alley, Roxbury (4-200)

Who is David Walker?

On Tuesday, October 29th, RCC hosted a symposium on the life and writings of David Walker, an educated, free African-American abolitionist who lived in Boston during the 1820s . The publication of his noted work, *Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World*, raised the ire of the pro-slavery faction around the country, especially in Boston. He died at the age of 34, under mysterious circumstances, and is buried in an unmarked grave in South Boston. It is unclear whether he died of natural causes.

The symposium was sponsored by the David Walker Memorial Project, under the direction of Kevin Aylmer, adjunct professor at RCC. A group of distinguished panelists presented a fascinating program about David Walker's life and times. The panelists were: Dr. Barbara Lewis, Director of the Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture at UMass Boston; Peter Hinks, Associate Editor of the Frederick Douglass Papers at Yale University, and author of *To Awaken My Afflicted Brethren: David Walker and the Problem of Antebellum Slave Resistance;* L'Merchie Frazier, a teacher of cultural diversity, who teaches visual and performance art at the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists; Kevin Aylmer; and David Lee Hines, psychology major at RCC and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Room 121, the site of the symposium, was standing room only, with members of the David Walker Memorial Project Committee, RCC, UMass Boston, and Laboure College faculty and students in attendance.

Celebración 2013

Live from Guatemala! A performance of traditional Mayan music and dances tells the cosmic metaphor of the world's creation

Celebrate our Latino and Native American Heritage

WHEN: Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 pm
WHERE: Media Arts Center Mainstage

Refreshments to follow the concert. This accessible event is free and open to the public.

Careers in Quality

A "Careers in Quality" Industry Panel sponsored by Roxbury Community College, the American Society for Quality (Boston Chapter) and the Skilled Careers in Life Sciences (SCILS) Initiative, was held at RCC on Tuesday, October 29th. It was jointly organized by the Boston Private Industry Council and RCC.

The event was a huge success! There were 75 people in the audience – an excellent turnout! The panel of five represented Pfizer, Boston Scientific, Morgan Scientific, Genzyme and Lumina Care Solutions companies.

The audience included community members, students and professors and from RCC, Bunker Hill Community College, Mass Bay Community College, Just-A Start's Cambridge Biomedical program and students from BU's BioScience Academy. There were also representatives from Norwood and Framingham Career Centers, the City of Boston, and the Mass Life Sciences Center.

A video of the session will be posted on YouTube soon, so stay tuned.

Professional Development

The Big Four in Your PowerPoint Slides
Applying the basic four graphic design principles to your slide deck is the focus of this workshop. Participants will evaluate visual elements and make appropriate changes to slides as needed

WHEN: Wednesday, 11/6, 3–4pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Weekly Moodle Drop-in Sessions
These informal drop-in sessions are open to any and all faculty at any level of Moodle experience.

WHEN: Every Mon & Thu, 12-2pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Let's Put it to a Vote
This workshop will introduce you to an online polling site that allows you to turn your students' phones into a boon, instead of a curse. Find out where your students stand on various issues, uncover the opinions and attitudes of your class that often stay hidden and give them, something to do with those devices besides checking Facebook all day!

WHEN: Tuesday, 11/19, 1:30-2:30pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Drop-in Training Sessions
These sessions are for anyone who wants to drop in to learn more about using the technology in our learner-centered classrooms. If you want to know the basics, learn some more advanced features, or just practice using the technology, come on by!

WHEN: Wed, 11/13, 8-10am/12-2pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Cradles to Crayons

Thanks to all who have donated to date. The collection will continue through November 7th.

Most needed items are

- Baby Board Books (with thick rigid cardboard pages)
- Boys Tops 2T-18/20
- Girls Tops 24mos-3T
- Sneakers up to Size 5

Donations can be dropped in the boxes around campus or delivered to Ms. Nancy Hernandez (3-401) or Ms. Lise Hagen (3-353)

For more information about this collection drive, please contact Professor Charlotte Belezos: cbelez@rcc.mass.edu. For more information about Cradles to Crayons, visit cradlestocrayons.org

RCC Sports

The RCC Women's and Men's basketball teams will open the season at home in the RCC Invitational Tournament this weekend. Teams from New York and Maryland will participate in the tournament. Last year women's team finished the year ranked 3rd in the country and is led by All-American candidate Amanda Hoover. The men's team is led by sophomore Tyrus Weaver, who led the team in scoring as a freshman.

Both teams have been very successful nationally and many of our student-athletes have matriculated to four year colleges and universities over the years. Over the past five years, graduates have matriculated at Bentley University, Franklin Pierce, UMass Boston, UMass Amherst, St. Peters, Curry College, UMass Lowell, University of Wilmington, Caldwell College, UMass Dartmouth and many other 4 year schools.

Also, during the November 19th games, we will recognize the 2000 NJCAA Men's National Championship team and all the previous All-Americans since the inception of RCC during our double header televised games.

Please come out to support your RCC Tigers!

Tournament Schedule			
Day/Date	**Time**	**Teams**	**Men/Women**
Fri, 11/1	6:00 PM	Monroe vs. Montgomery	Women
	8:00 PM	Monroe CC vs. Roxbury	Women
Sat, 11/2	10:00 AM	Dean vs. Cayuga	Men
	12:00 PM	Dean vs. Cayuga	Women
	2:00 PM	Monroe CC vs. Monroe College	Women
	4:00PM	Roxbury vs. Montgomery	Women
	6:00 PM	Roxbury vs. CCRI	Men

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu